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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Courser.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Sheppard made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid HR 89 before the Committee.

HR 89 (Lauwers) A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that establishes a national, uniform, and scientifically-based label program for genetically modified food.

Chair Lauwers reviewed the provisions of HR 89 with the Committee.

The Chair stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 10:38 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Andrea Coscarilla, representing the Coalition for Safe Affordable Food, spoke in support of HR 89.

Cards indicating support for HR 89 were submitted by:

Justin Clement, representing the Michigan Soybean Association
Jason Wadaga, representing the Michigan Sugar Company
Justin Winslow, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association
Bonnie Bochniak, representing the Michigan Food and Beverage Association
Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association
Stephen Rapundale, representing the Michigan Biosciences Industry Association
Scott Robbins, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council
Dave Smith, representing the Michigan Vegetable Council
Branin Lane, representing Dawn Foods
Matt Blakely, representing MDARD

Mike Wenkel, representing the Potato Growers of Michigan
Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau
Derek Bajema, representing the Michigan Soft Drink Association
Maureen Watson Bolger, representing Michigan Corn
Talisha Sanders, representing the Kellogg Company

Representative Cole made a motion to report HR 89 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (16/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Rich Bowman, representing The Nature Conservancy, spoke to the Committee and reviewed the following topics: the overall goal regarding MAEAP certification for watershed conservation practice goals; MAEAP analysis objectives; practice implementation percentages for individual farms; annual recertification in Saginaw Bay; current (2012-2014) MAEAP certification; annual MAEAP certification; implementation in various hydrologic units; selected practices; dose response – subbasins; and subwatershed comparison and implementation.

Subsequent to the presentation, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:28 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Committee Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538